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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Application of:

DE MEUTER et al.

Art Unit: 1761

Application No.: 09/586,964

Examiner: L. Wong

Filed: June 5, 2000

For: SUGAR-FREE HARD COATING
PREPARED FROM LIQUID
MIXTURES OF ERYTHRITOL AND
SORBITOL

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RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter this paper in response to the Office Action of July 27, 2001, including claim amendments, as a Response to Requirement for Restriction.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4 and 5 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 2 as follows:

2. (Amended) Sugar-free hard-coated comestibles according to claim 1, wherein the dry substance of the mixture comprises between 5% to 50% w/w erythritol.

Please add the following claims: